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OF THE
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OF THE
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OF CONNECTICUT,
FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 30th, 1879.

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1879.

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 L. W. SPERRY, from September 4, 1874.
 EDWARD E. HALL, from April 24, 1875.
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 JOHNSON BROTHERS, from January 15, 1875.
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 R. & J. M. BLAIR, from January 16, 1875.
 ANDREW W. DEFORD, from April 24, 1875.
 A. H. CARGILL, from December 16, 1876.
 HUBBARD WILLIAMS, from December 16, 1876.
 WM. A. JONES, from January 13, 1878.
 S. H. MOSELEY, from January 13, 1878.
 JOHN B. CARRINGTON, from January 13, 1878.
 Mrs. JOSEPHINE H. PORTER, from January 13, 1878.
 JOHN P. TUTTLE, from January 13, 1878.
 THEODOSIA D. WHEELER, from January 13, 1878.
 ISAAC ANDERSON, from January 13, 1878.
 MARTHA P. HOTCHKISS, from January 13, 1878.
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 HENRY C. KINGSLEY, from January 13, 1878.

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*NATHAN PECK, Esq.,	1833-1841
*HON. W. W. BOARDMAN,	1841-1842
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*HON. HENRY PECK,	1866-1867
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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed, in perpetuity.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, *for six months in each year*, during the life of the donor.

A donation of \$1,000 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for any three months in each year during his life.

FREE BED FUND.

1874—HENRY FARNAM,	\$5,000.00
1874—WM. FITCH,	5,000.00
1874—JAMES E. ENGLISH,	5,000.00
1878—ELLEN M. GIFFORD,	5,000.00

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—IRENE LARNED FUND,	\$5,000.00
1878—NELSON A. HOTCHKISS,	5,000.00

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, respectfully present to the Society their fifty-second Annual Report, as prepared by the Prudential Committee and adopted by the Directors.

The Directors desire to render a tribute of honor to one of their own members, Mr. Burton Mallory, elected a Director, at the last annual meeting of the Society, and since that time deceased. The most numerous branch of the Hospital League was established through his influence, and but for his early death he might have rendered other important aid to the Society. Death has also put an end during the year, to the long and faithful service of Mr. Willis M. Anthony, as a member of the Board of Visitors.

In the last Annual Report, it was mentioned that the contributions of Hospital Sunday, in January, 1878, had not only cancelled the debt incurred in 1877, but placed a small sum in the treasury, with which to begin the year. When that report was presented it was not possible to state with precision, the total amount contributed on Hospital Sunday. It is pertinent, therefore, as well as pleasant, to report at this time that the contributions of Hospital Sunday in 1878 amounted to \$3,624.73.

It was hoped that the hospital, being thus relieved from debt, might be aided by the State, to do a larger work of charity, and thus become again self-supporting. The Legislature did restore the annual appropriation to the generous sum of \$5,000; but the act did not become operative till the middle of our fiscal year, so that the treasury felt no relief from this source previous to the third quarter. A bill was also passed providing for the admission of a larger class of invalid soldiers, but the hospital has derived little if any pecuniary aid from this action, as the Commissioners appointed by the act insisted upon another reduction

of the weekly rate for soldiers. We receive only \$4.50 per week for a soldier patient, when the average cost of entertaining patients is more than \$7 per week. Whatever hope was awakened by the "act in relation to invalid soldiers, sailors, and marines," passed in 1878, was by this arrangement, turned to disappointment.

Our only hope of avoiding a deficit being thus frustrated, the Directors at their meeting in October, appointed a committee to request that on the second Sunday in January, 1879, Hospital Sunday might be again observed. The good people of New Haven willingly responded and contributions were received in most of the churches, but though our deficit did not exceed that of last year, the receipts of the second Hospital Sunday were so much less, that we must begin the new year with a debt. The first Hospital Sunday was a great success, and we are grateful for the extraordinary liberality with which we were then relieved. We take some comfort in the fact that the deficit was reduced from \$1900 per quarter in the last two quarters of 1877, to \$950 per quarter in 1878, and hope that the next year will show commensurate improvement.

The Prudential Committee think that during the year which has just commenced, the expenditures of the hospital can be brought down nearly, and perhaps quite, to the income. The ground of this belief is in the reduction of the cost of food, the increase of the State appropriation, and the commencement of a permanent fund.

During the year, the treasurer has received a donation of \$5,000 from Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, which entitles her and her representatives to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity. The bequest of Mrs. Larned, mentioned in the last report, has been, by vote of the Directors, invested as the commencement of a permanent fund. The bequest of Nelson A. Hotchkiss, of which mention was also made in the last report, has been received. By request of the executor, it is to be known as the "Nelson A. Hotchkiss Permanent Fund." The commencement of a permanent fund, encourages the Directors to hope that the hospital may, by similar means, be relieved wholly, as by these gifts it will in part be relieved from financial embarrassment. When these funds begin to yield income, we shall not have so large a deficit as we have been constrained to show. The endowment of another free bed, though less helpful to the income of the Hospital, also awakens pleasant and grateful emotions, since it enables us to entertain another patient gratuitously.

A comparison of hospitals generally shows that the cost per patient diminishes as the number of patients increases. The Executive Committee of the Hartford Hospital, who have had a very long experience, say in their report for the year ending April, 1877, "The expense of providing for 150 patients is not much more than to provide for 60." From a tabular comparison of items of expenditure in eight different hospitals, prepared by a member of our Board of Visitors, it appears that the cost of victualling, when assessed upon the patients, shows, as a rule, a much larger rate if the daily average of patients is small. This table shows the daily cost of this item for each patient in our hospital, to have been fifty-four cents and four mills. More accurately it is fifty-one cents and six mills; several persons who were neither patients nor employees, having paid for their board a sufficient amount to reduce the rate to the last mentioned sum. This rate of cost for food is considerably larger than in larger institutions, and is larger than in other hospitals where the number of patients is approximately equal to our number. The Prudential Committee explain that this excess in the cost of food is due in great part to the amount of special diet, as compared with the amount prescribed in other hospitals. More beef and poultry are used than in other institutions, and our books show that eight-ninths of the poultry is made into chicken soup, and that three-tenths of the cost of other meat is for tea beef.

The whole number of patients during the year is 394; of this number 58 were in the hospital December 31st, 1877, and 336 have since that date been received. The aggregate time spent in the hospital by these patients is $3,567\frac{2}{3}$ weeks or 24,971 days. The daily average therefore, is 68. They came from forty-one towns and villages. Of this number, 174 were charity patients, and the aggregate time during which this class of patients received treatment, amounts to $1,806\frac{2}{3}$ weeks.

As the annual appropriation made by the State covers a year from July to July, and the appropriation was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 at the session of the Legislature in 1878; the sum received from the Treasury of the State in aid of charity patients during our fiscal year has been \$3,500. This gives the hospital for each charity patient \$1.93 per week, during the time he was under treatment. In a few instances we have received no other compensation; but usually something additional is paid by the patient himself, or by some benevolent individual or society, or by the town to which the patient belongs.

The observance of Hospital Sunday a year ago, awakened an interest in the hospital among workingmen, which resulted in the establishment of a Hospital League, of which there are four branches, called respectively the Folding Chair, the New Haven Wheel Company, the West Rock Paper Mill, and the Mallory, Wheeler & Company branches. The aggregate sum deposited by all these branches of the League is \$204.80, nearly all of which still stands on our books to the credit of the depositors, there having been no serious sickness or accident among them during the year.

Would it not be well for workingmen, if such an association were formed in every manufacturing establishment, so that in case of accident or sickness, there should be provision already made for the sufferers. The organization of the existing branches was in every instance with wise and benevolent foresight, approved and promoted by the employers of the men thus organized into mutual aid associations.

The Directors desire to make mention with thanks of a contribution received from the Sunday School of the Church of the Redeemer, for the support in the hospital of some suffering child. A suitable beneficiary was soon found; a little girl five years of age, afflicted with hip disease is now receiving treatment. Such a charity is doubly blest, relieving the sufferer and educating the ministering children in christian beneficence. They would also gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the "Amateur Dramatic Association" in devoting the proceeds of their entertainment last spring to the hospital, to be used for the benefit of children. A boy supported by this fund has been under treatment for the greater portion of the year, and has been discharged much improved. A part of this fund still remains. The number of children in the hospital has never been so large as during this year. The beneficence which seeks to convert a crippled child into an active, producing, contributing member of society, is to be commended, whether viewed in the light of political economy or in the light of christian love.

The Training School for Nurses has, as usual, performed its part of the hospital work well, and we hear from different quarters good report of the graduate nurses.

The Directors desire to express their thanks to kind friends who, at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and other times, have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the inmates of the

hospital, to the editors and reporters of the daily papers who have so willingly diffused information concerning the institution and its necessities, to the clergymen and students of theology who have conducted religious services, and especially to the Board of Visitors for constant and vigilant inspection of the institution, and for the suggestions they have made for its better administration.

Hoping that at some future time the field between the new building and Congress Avenue will be laid out as a park, the Directors invite special donations of money or of trees for its adornment. Perhaps some citizen may be induced to defray the entire expense of planting it with trees, and thus give future generations occasion to mention his name with respect and gratitude.

EDWARD E. ATWATER,	} <i>Prudential</i>	
WILLIAM L. BRADLEY,		} <i>Committee.</i>
SETH H. MOSELEY,		

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

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MEDICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1878, TO JAN. 1, 1879.

Abortion,	1	Hypochondriasis,	5
Alcoholism,	7	Hysteria,	12
Anaemia,	2	Incontinence of urine,	1
Angina Pectoris,	3	Insanity,	1
Apoplexy,	4	Insolation,	2
Asthma,	1	Iodism,	2
Brain, Disease of—		Laryngitis,	1
Congestion,	1	Locomotor ataxia,	5
Compression,	1	Malaria, chronic,	3
Tumor,	2	Malingering,	5
Bright's Disease, acute,	1	Mania á potu,	3
" " chronic,	5	Masturbation,	1
Bronchitis,	3	Melancholia,	3
Cancer of Stomach,	1	Nervous prostration,	2
" ileo-coecal valve,	1	Ovaritis,	1
Catalepsy,	1	Paralysis, partial,	3
Colic,	1	" general,	2
Colitis, chronic,	2	Pericarditis with adhesions,	1
Constipation,	4	Phthisis,	34
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Pleurisy,	2
Diphtheria,	1	Poisoning, strychnia,	1
Dyspepsia, acute,	2	" morphia,	2
" chronic,	5	" chloral,	1
Emphysema,	1	" lead,	3
Epilepsy,	1	" vegetable,	1
Fever, intermittent,	17	Pregnancy,	13
Heart, Diseases of—		Rheumatism, acute,	8
Hypertrophy,	1	" chronic,	18
Aortic Regurgitation,	2	Sclerosis spinal cord,	3
Mitral " 	1	Spermatorrhoea,	2
Hemiphgia, partial,	2	Syphilis, hereditary,	1
" complete,	2	Toenia solium,	1
Hiccough,	2	Tonsillitis,	1
Hydrarthrosis,	1		
		Total, 224	

SURGICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1878, TO JAN. 1, 1879.

Abscess, rectum,	1	Fracture, femur int. cap.,	2
“ thigh,	1	“ “ vicious union,	1
Abscess, laryngeal,	2	“ “	2
“ lumbar,	2	“ clavical,	1
Atresia vagina,	1	“ vertebra,	1
Atrophy, optic nerve,	1	“ fibula,	1
Bubo,	4	“ patella,	2
Burn,	1	Glaucoma,	2
Cancer of rectum,	1	Gonorrhoea,	3
“ breast,	3	Granular lids,	8
“ uterus,	1	Hemorrhoids,	3
Caries of sup. max.,	1	Hernia,	2
“ tibia,	2	Herpes Zoster,	2
“ sacrum,	1	Necrosis pelvis,	1
Cataract, single,	7	Orchitis,	2
“ double,	2	Periostitis,	2
Chaneroids,	1	Pott's disease,	6
Choroiditis,	7	Prostate inflamed,	1
Cicatricial adhesion,	1	“ enlarged,	1
Coxalgia,	6	Pyelitis,	1
Cystitis,	1	Retina detached,	2
Ecchymosis of eyelid,	1	Rupture lig. pat.,	1
Eczema,	3	“ fraenum,	1
Elephantiasis,	1	“ urethra,	1
Ectropion,	1	Sarcocele,	1
Epididymitis,	1	Scald,	1
Epithelioma lip,	3	Sinus scrotal,	1
“ hand,	1	Spinal curvature,	7
“ vagina,	1	Sprain,	2
“ vulva,	1	Stricture oesophagus,	1
Erysipelas traumatic,	2	“ rectum,	3
Fever, urethral,	2	Strabismus,	1
Fistula in ano,	3	Sycosis,	1
Fracture, sub. max.,	2	Syphilis primary,	8
“ arm, (compound),	1	“ secondary,	2
“ ribs,	3	“ tertiary,	1
“ metacarpus,	2	Talipes,	1
“ legs, (both),	4	Testicle hypertropied,	3

Tumor fibroid,	1	Wound buttocks,	1
“ ovarian,	1	“ lacerated,	1
Ulcer, cornea,	7	“ stab,	1
“ leg,	3	“ incised,	5
“ varicose,	6		—
“ indolent,	5		209
Varicose veins,	6		

OPERATIONS.

Amputation of toes,	1	For Epithelioma of hand,	1
“ breast,	5	“ “ lip,	2
Canthoplasty,	3	“ Necrosis of tibia,	1
Castration,	1	“ “ pelvis,	1
Dilatation of urethral stricture,	12	For Caries sup. max.,	1
Division of cicatricial adhesions,	1	Iridectomy,	4
Extirpation of eye-ball,	1	Opening of sinus,	1
For Ruptured perineum,	2	“ abscess,	2
“ Convergent strabismus,	2	“ “ lacrymal duct,	1
“ Atresia vaginal,	1	Removal Hemorrhoids,	2
“ Tumor of groin,	1	“ sub. max. gland,	1
“ Fistula in ano,	6	“ fibroma of buttocks,	1
“ “ recto-vaginal,	1	“ metatarsal bone,	1
“ Cataract,	6		—
			63

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

In January,	1	In October,	1
In February,	1	In November,	1
In July,	2		—
In August,	2		11
In September,	3		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of pelvis,	1	Bright's disease, acute,	1
Apoplexy,	3	“ “ chronic,	4

Bronchitis, capillary,	1	Pyelitis,	1
Cancer of ileo-coecal valve,	1	Railroad injury,	2
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Sarcoma,	2
Epithelioma,	1	Scarlatina,	1
Erysipelas,	1	Suicide by hanging,	1
Fracture of spine,	1	Scirrhus of breast,	1
Insolation,	1	Tumor of brain,	2
Pericardium adherent,	1	Ulceration of Intestines,	1
Phthisis,	9		—
Pneumonia,	1		38

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, *January 30, 1879.*

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-second annual report of the receipts and disbursements, number of patients in the Hospital, and other items of information :

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31, 1877, was 58—43 males, 15 females; admitted during the year 1878, 336, 236 males, 100 females, making a total of 394 under treatment, 279 males, 115 females. Of this number, 163 recovered, 115 males, and 48 females. 92 were discharged improved, 30 unimproved. 38 have died, and 71 remaining under treatment.

There have been 11 births; 5 males, and 6 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 3,567 $\frac{2}{3}$ weeks. Of these, charity patients occupied 1,806 $\frac{2}{3}$ weeks; self-paying, 574; soldiers, 921; and sailors, 265 $\frac{2}{3}$. These patients came from 41 different towns and villages. The State appropriation for the current year has been 3,500 dollars, partially supporting 174 patients. The greatest number of patients any one day, was 93, and the lowest, 57; the daily average being very nearly 69.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

H. E. MOSELEY, Superintendent, *in account with* "GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY."

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1878. To amount received:

Balance from old account,	\$90.20
Self-paying patients,	4,444.11
Charity,	6,788.66
Marine Charity,	1,600.53
Soldier " "	4,468.62
State appropriations,	3,500.00
Hospital League,	204.80
Board of Supernumerary Nurses,	174.43
Sundries,	431.38
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	\$21,702.73
Orders on Treasurer,	24,169.47
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	\$45,872.20

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1878. By amounts paid for :

Salaries and wages,	\$5,189.36
Flour, bread, cake, pies, crackers and rice,	1,837.99
Butter and cheese,	1,375.03
Meat, fowl and fish,	5,919.82
Fruit and vegetables,	650.77
Groceries and eggs,	1,973.79
Milk,	1,405.88
Liquors, medicines and instruments,	2,296.70
Fuel, gas, water and ice,	3,340.39
Furniture, clothing, bedding and crockery,	501.52
Repairs and improvements,	813.72
Printing, stationery and postage,	293.89
Barn expenses, tools and live stock,	233.03
Interest and Insurance,	331.67
Soap,	127.75
Burial expenses,	41.00
Sundries,	296.46

Total current expenses,	\$26,628.77
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Refunded to patients,	269.88
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Deposited with Treasurer,	18,936.32
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Balance on hand,	37.23
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\$45,872.20

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1877,	43	15	58
Admitted during the year 1878,	236	100	336
Total,	279	115	394
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	115	48	163
Improved,	59	33	92
Unimproved,	20	10	30
Died,	26	12	38
	220	103	323
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1878,	52	19	71
	272	122	394

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1878 TO DEC. 31, 1878.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	24	7	31
February,	14	6	20
March,	19	9	28
April,	20	9	29
May,	15	8	23
June,	10	11	21
July,	25	10	35
August,	36	18	54
September,	21	6	27
October,	19	3	22
November,	18	8	27
December,	15	5	20
Total,	236	100	336

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States,	144	Canada,	2
Ireland,	129	Denmark,	2
Germany,	31	Finland,	1
England,	17	Russia,	1
Scotland,	1	France,	1
Sweden,	2		
Norway,	3		336
Switzerland,	2		

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years,	12	8	20
From 15 to 20 years,	13	15	28
“ 20 to 30 “	69	31	100
“ 30 to 40 “	54	25	79
“ 40 to 50 “	46	12	58
“ 50 to 60 “	28	3	31
“ 60 to 70 “	11	6	17
“ 70 to 80 “	2		2
“ 80 to 90 “	1		1
	236	100	336

OCCUPATION.

Actress,	1	Druggist,	1	Painters,	4
Bag-maker,	1	Engineer,	1	Pedlars,	9
Barbers,	2	Farmers,	6	Planter,	1
Blacksmiths,	2	Fireman,	1	Saloon-keepers,	3
Boatman,	1	Furniture-maker,	1	Seamen,	39
Brakeman,	1	Gardeners,	2	Servants,	18
Brass-workers,	3	Hackman,	1	Shoe-maker,	1
Burnishers,	5	Hatter,	1	Spring-maker,	1
Carpenters,	4	Hostlers,	2	Switchman,	1
Carriage-maker,	1	Hotel-keeper,	1	Tailors,	2
Cigar-packer,	1	House-keepers,	29	Teachers,	2
Clerks,	6	Laborers,	43	Teamsters,	2
Clergyman,	1	Locksmith,	1	Turner,	1
Coachmen,	2	Machinist,	1	Waiter,	1
Cook,	1	Masons,	8	Watch-makers,	3
Cutter,	1	Mechanics,	16	Watchman,	1
Doctor,	1	Merchants,	3	Wire-worker,	1
Dress-maker,	1	Molder,	1		

TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT REPRESENTED IN THE HOSPITAL
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1878.

Branford,	Meriden,	Southington,
Bridgeport,	Milford,	South Norwalk,
Birmingham,	Middletown,	Stamford,
Bristol,	Marlboro,	Wallingford,
Cheshire,	Munroe,	Warren,
Collinsville,	New Britain,	Waterbury,
Danbury,	New Haven,	West Haven,
Derby,	Norfolk,	Willimantic,
East Haven,	Naugatuck,	Winchester,
Fair Haven,	Norwich,	Windsor,
Fairfield,	Northford,	Wolcottville,
Goshen,	North Haven,	Woodbridge,
Guilford,	Saybrook,	Woodbury,
Hamden,		
Charity patients,	.	174
Self-paying "	.	122
Soldier "	.	55
Sailor "	.	43
		<hr/> 394
Number of weeks Charity patients were supported,		1806 $\frac{2}{3}$
" " Self-paying " " "		574
" " Soldier " " "		921
" " Sailor " " "		265 $\frac{2}{3}$

Greatest number of patients on one day,	93
Least number of " " 	57
The daily average has been 	69

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM JANUARY,
1878, TO JANUARY, 1879.

Clothing, Linen, &c.

Dr. Alling, three shirts and old cotton,

Mrs. Atwater, old linen.

Mrs. Butler, 4 shirts, old cotton, linen and woollens.

Mrs. Laffin, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Franklin, old cotton and linen.

Unknown, old cotton and linen.

Miss Hogeboom, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Champion, old cotton and linen.

Unknown, old cotton, linen and newspapers.

Mrs. Gilbert, old cotton and linen.

St. John's M. E. Church, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. A. B. Merrill, old cotton, linen and newspapers.

Mrs. Sheldon, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Chaplain, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Phillip B. Coke, old cotton and linen.

A friend, four pair drawers, two night dresses, four chemises,
two pair stockings.

A friend, two waists, one woolen cloud, one woolen scarf, one
pair wristlets.

Mrs. Foote, three pair drawers, three night dresses, one che-
mise, old cotton and linen, one bed spread.

Mrs. Crane, six night-shirts.

Unknown, one white shirt, two night-dresses, one chemise, old
cotton and linen, three night-dresses, three shirts, three chemises,
old linen, old cotton.

Mrs. Andrews, old cotton.

Miss Riley, three chemises.

Hachi-no-su, one apron, one baby's woolen skirt, four baby
night-dresses, six infants' dresses, one baby's calico dress, one
night-shirt.

York Street Aid Society, two cane-seated rockers, one dozen
woolen under-shirts, three boys' night-shirts, three men's night
shirts, four pair drawers, four napkins, one chemise, three pair

new drawers, one new night-dress, four pair drawers, six night-dresses, five new night-dresses for children, one night-dress, new, for an adult, three shirts.

Unknown, five shirts.

Mr. Ketcham, fruit.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, North Church, four new night-shirts, four new child's night-dresses.

Mrs. McAllister, six shirts, one pair slippers, one pair stockings, one pair linen cuffs, two linen collars.

Mrs. Fred. Ives, six night-shirts, one calico wrapper, one pair scissors, three pillow-cases.

Mrs. Bradley, three shirts, old cotton.

Mrs. Burnham, old cotton.

Mrs. C. L. Mitchell, seventeen collars, five shirts, two pair stockings, three under-shirts.

Mrs. Samuel Miller, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Lynde, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Carmen, flowers.

Mrs. Coit, one pair woolen drawers, two pair woolen under-shirts, one supporter, four pair stockings.

Mrs. E. O. Mitchell, one woolen under-shirt, four night-shirts, one night-dress.

Miss Woolsey, one chair tidy, one camel's hair shawl, three caps, three pair stockings, two linen chemises, seven flannel sacks, one woolen skirt, five pair slippers.

York St. Aid Society, thirty-seven cotton flannel napkins, two surgical instruments, one pair woolen stockings, all new.

Mrs. L. S. Punderson, old cotton and linen.

Miss Mary Riley, old cotton.

A friend, twenty-one shirts.

A friend, ten shirts.

Mrs. Everit and Miss Elliott, flowers.

Mrs. Creemer, four vests, three pair pants, six pair woolen drawers, five pair cotton drawers, two coats, four collars.

Charles S. Bartell, one pair linen drawers, two night-shirts, one linen coat, two linen vests, six shirts, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Hotchkiss, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Nadler, package of children's clothing.

Ladies of Lyon St., two bundles old cotton and linen, one bundle under-garments, one bundle infant's clothing.

Mrs. Chatfield, one bundle under-garments.

Mrs. Peck, two bundles under-garments.

Mrs. Farnam, old linen.

A friend, seven collars and neck-ties, two shirts, four under-shirts, two pair under-drawers.

Ladies' Aid Society of York St., old linen and under-garments.

Mrs. Peck, package of under-garments.

Mrs. Williams, old cotton.

Mrs. Harmount, flowers and fruit.

Mrs. Thompson, old linen.

Miss Elliott, four pair woolen stockings.

A friend, six shirts and bundle of under-garments.

Mrs. Henry Farnam, 1 doz. new Hymn Books, for Chapel.

Chas. Thompson, bundle of linen.

Dr. T. H. Bishop, one galvanic battery.

Mrs. Fenn, a lot of lint.

W. B. Graves, old linen.

Chas. T. Candee, valuable donation of books for library.

Dr. Crane, a lot of papers.

D. W. Denton, Sailor's Magazine.

H. T. Blake, papers and cash five dollars.

T. H. Pease, illustrated papers.

Mrs. T. Lester,

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Mrs. J. H. Latham, crate of oranges.

Mrs. Ives, large picture-book for children.

Miss Elliott, the “Churchman,” for 12 months.

Dr. Davis, wheel-chair for patients.

Mallory, Wheeler & Co., papers and magazines.

Mr. Ketcham, 14 baskets strawberries.

Mrs. James O. Sheldon, one doz. jars jelly.

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back papers, and a picture book for children.

Mrs. Chas. Skeeles, West Haven, books and magazines.

Linonian Brothers Library, several volumes books.

New Haven Club, books, papers and chess-men.

A friend, Harper's Weekly, 20 volumes.

Mrs. Betsey Trowbridge, basket flowers.

For Thanksgiving.

Henry Farnam, cash \$50, to be devoted to the patients' comfort and pleasure.

Wm. O. Armstrong, one turkey.

Dr. T. H. Bishop, one turkey.

Dr. Wm. Bradley, one turkey.
 Robert Morgan, one turkey.
 Miss Elliott, fruit.
 Mrs. Frances Gilbert, one turkey.
 Mrs. Bolles, one chicken.
 Mrs. Wm. Fitch, a lot of chickens.
 H. N. Whittlesey, one turkey.
 S. H. Moseley, one crate of oranges.
 Mrs. Everit, two turkeys.
 Mrs. E. S. Cowles, two chickens.
 Strong & Hart, one turkey.
 Chatfield & Grant, donation of bill \$6.37.
 Burton Dickerman, donation of ice bill \$6.48.
 Free copies of Union, Palladium and Register sent by publishers for the year.

For Christmas.

Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$25.
 Folding Chair Company, \$3.
 Mr. Ketcham, basket of fruit.
 Mrs. Fitch, basket of oranges.
 Miss R. Porter, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Mrs. George Watkinson, books “ “
 Mrs. Henry Farnam, candies, &c., “ “
 Miss Ensign, books and toys “ “
 Miss Jennie Colby, books and toys “ “
 “ “ “ one pair of drawers, one skirt, two sacques,
 one night dress for Christmas tree.

Mrs. A. S. McKee, one chemise and old linen.

Numerous other donors have contributed papers, books, fruit and flowers whose names are unknown. Such may rest assured that their gifts are appreciated. I wish to make especial mention of a donor, name unknown, who contributed on Christmas morning seventy-five fresh, fragrant bouquets, one for each patient, and each accompanied with a Christmas card, filling every one's hands and hearts with grateful perfume. The recipients will hold the donor of such a gift in grateful remembrance, and would be glad to know his name.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

H. E. MOSELEY.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS, 1878.

IN CHURCHES.

Center, Congregational,	\$831.43	Trinity, Episcopal,	\$650.00
North, "	213.25	St. Paul's, "	196.13
Third, "	202.88	St. Thomas, "	65.15
Ch. of Redeemer, "	123.00	Christ, "	20.68
Davenport, "	75.00	St. John's, "	40.19
Dwight Place, "	40.00	Ch. of Ascension, "	23.59
East, "	33.00	Trinity Chapel (George St.)	6.50
Howard Avenue, "	38.00	Episcopal, "	
Taylor, "	5.00	Grace (F. Haven), "	10.00
Temple Street, "	7.50	First Methodist, "	130.88
First Fair Haven, "	24.79	St. John St., "	18.25
Westville, "	24.55	George St., "	23.71
First Baptist, "	92.60	Wesley, "	36.00
Calvary, "	250.00	German, "	2.50
Trinity, Lutheran, "	8.65	Sperry St., "	3.00
		St. Patrick's, Catholic,	50.00
		St. Francis (Fair Haven),	30.00
		Catholic,	

BY INDIVIDUALS.

Theodore D. Woolsey, \$	10.00	Rev. Dr. Carmody,	\$10.00
Richard S. Fellowes,	100.00	Mrs. Edward A. Walker,	5.00
Mrs. John D. Wheeler,	50.00	" A Friend,"	5.00
Miss Martha P. Hotchkiss,	25.00	Anonymous,	5.00
Mrs. Philip Maret, "	100.00	Cheshire,	10.00
James M. Hoppen,	25.00	Employes Folding Chair Co.	3.50

Total contributions, \$3,624.73.

WILBUR F. DAY, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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DR.

1878.

Jan. 1. To cash on hand as reported, . . . \$2,886.02

Receipts for 1878 :

Deposited by H. E. Moseley, Superintendent, . . .	18,518.16
Hospital Sunday collections,	3,624.73
Other donations for current expenses,	64.00
Interest,	1,150.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford for a perpetual free bed, . .	5,000.00
Estate of Nelson A. Hotchkiss, for permanent fund, .	5,000.00
	\$36,242.91

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Paid orders of Prudential Committee during the year	
1878,	\$24,516.46
Loaned on Mortgage,	5,000.00
Paid for \$4,000 City of New Haven 5 per cent bonds	
at 102½,	4,100.00
Accrued interest on ditto,	92.22
Balance on hand January 1st, 1879,*	2,534.23
	\$36,242.91

* The balance on hand belongs to the uninvested permanent fund.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting their sixth and last report for the current year. This report, according to usage, gives the result of their observations throughout the year, and is addressed, through you, to all the friends of the Hospital.

The Constitution of the Society, (Article IX,) requires of the visitors that “two at least shall visit the Hospital every month, and as frequently as they may deem proper. They shall inquire into the economical and moral concerns of the Hospital, suggest improvements, and designate abuses, in a report every two months, to the Prudential Committee.” The twelfth by-law calls for weekly instead of monthly visits, and for inquiry not only into the matter of “economical administration,” but into “such other matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients.” It also makes it the duty of the visitors to report all “reasonable complaint from patients.” In complying with these requirements, the Board has assigned to two of its members every month, the task of weekly inspection, and made provision for directing the attention of each visitor, in the course of a month’s visiting, to every part of the buildings and grounds with which the patients have any concern. The detailed results of this inspection, ascertained, for the most part, at the bi-monthly meetings of the Board, have been presented in the various written communications addressed to you.

The subject of “economical administration” has of late assumed an unwelcome prominence. It is a serious disappointment that the expenses of the Hospital for a second time exceed its annual income, and that this and the neighboring communities have apparently failed to provide the means of meeting the deficiency. This failure evidently renders more imperative the obligation to make the most of what is received, and to guard against possible waste. It is the right of the public to be assured that gifts, be they large or small, are used with a wise economy. And

knowing what strenuous and conscientious efforts to avoid debt have been put forth by those who have borne for the past two years, the burden of perplexity and care which a reduced income has imposed, the Board are confident that such farther sacrifices as the welfare of the Hospital may seem to you to demand, will be freely made.

But the rights of the public are not more sacred than its duties, and one duty is left undone so long as a great public charity is without a certain and adequate revenue. It is discreditable that a Hospital, in a town like this, should even seem to be in danger of having to suspend or seriously contract its beneficent operations. The value of this institution in making more effective one of the purest forms of philanthropy, hardly need be discussed. The visitors can testify that in fulfilling the most essential of their functions, that of investigating what relates to "the care and comfort of the patients," they have found comparatively little to regret, and still less to censure. They believe that those who hold responsible positions in the Hospital have earnestly and successfully sought to promote the great ends for which it was established—the cure or relief of sickness and pain. The inmates, as a rule, show little disposition to complain, while "reasonable complaints" are very infrequent. In spite of financial embarrassment, the principal object which the founders of the Hospital had in view, seems thus far to have been substantially secured; and even if it served no other purpose than as a condition of the existence of the Training School for Nurses, it would have a very strong claim to generous support. But its claim has still to be recognized here in the proper form, that of putting it on a safe and permanent basis of endowment. And if all our citizens had been duly influenced by the example of the class to which the institution owes its origin, this would have been accomplished long ago. The unpaid services of the physicians of New Haven, during the half century of the existence of the Hospital, represent, it is said, a sum which would have endowed it twice over.

An adequate permanent fund cannot be expected from a single effort, or within a single year. It must be the result of a greatly increased volume of benefactions poured steadily into the treasury year after year. But if philanthropic men of fortune come to recognize the right of the Hospital to a share of their charitable donations and bequests; if large employers of labor form the habit of establishing free beds for the benefit of their workmen, per-

haps inviting the latter, as they reasonably may, to unite with them, according to their means, in this very practical form of coöperative effort; if groups of families in comfortable circumstances combine to make similar provision for their domestics; if churches, separately or otherwise, do the same in behalf of their sick poor; if Sunday Schools associate themselves in endowing children's beds; in short, if all classes of our people frankly acknowledge and honorably fulfill their obligations to a charity which so powerfully appeals to the sympathies of all, and on which every one of us may, directly or indirectly, become in some sense a pensioner, it cannot be many years before New Haven will, at any rate, be in this respect as well off as Hartford. That city was thirty years behind us in establishing a Hospital, but is now very far before us in the secure financial basis which it has provided for it. In fact, it is believed that New Haven is almost a solitary exception to the rule by which large communities are governed in the care of the sick poor, that of giving their Hospitals the foremost place among their charities.

This report cannot be closed without an allusion to the loss which both this Board and the institution have sustained in the death of Mr. Willis M. Anthony, by election the oldest member of the Board. Mr. Anthony had thoroughly won the respect and attachment of his late associates by his uniform fidelity in the discharge of his duties, of which he frequently and cheerfully assumed more than his due proportion, and by the good sense and kindness of heart which characterized him. By them, his death is mourned as a personal loss, while all interested in the welfare of the Hospital have reason to regret one who never spared himself in its service.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. ATWATER,
TREDWELL KETCHAM,
WM. GALE,
E. WHITNEY,
WM. G. ANDREWS.

New Haven, January 27, 1879.

APPENDIX.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the Superintendent, as the representative of the Prudential Committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing. The buildings have been recently (1873) enlarged to more than double their former capacity, and are supplied with gas, water, steam-heating and all the modern conveniences; they are situated upon an eminence, overlooking the city, harbor and Long Island Sound. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more, per week, according to the requirements of the case.

4. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities.

5. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability contracted in the service.

6. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, are admitted on the order of the collector of the Port of New Haven.

7. Persons carried directly to the Hospital from the place of accident are admitted immediately.

8. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

9. *Insane persons* and those suffering from *contagious diseases* are not admitted.

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ use, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Surety.



